# INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS ON WAR AS SEEN BY "SUN" CORRESPONDED

## **EXPLAINS RULES OF** BRITISH BLOCKADE

Sir Frank Newnes Gives Details of Work of Big Sea Cordon.

NEUTRALS

Committee in London Acts on Every Seizure Day Telegraphed Manifest Arrives,

Correspondence of Associated Press STON, July 10.-The most detailed of the British system of escited which has been made was precosted to the members of the American
Luncheon Club by Sir Frank Newnes, in
an address delivered at the last meeting
of the club. Sir Frank is the head of a
great publishing firm founded by his
father. He is a member of the Royal
Volunteer Naval Reserve and is acting
as assistant secretary of the Committee
on Detention of Neutral Ships presided
ever by Lord Peel.

His explanation of the system follows:
"Every ship east or west bound passing up or down the English Channel or
by the north of Scotland is stopped by
one of the British men-of-war, boarded
and examined. These ships are armed
merchantmen and are on duty right
across from the north of Scotland to Norway, one ship every twenty miles. They

But the economic collapse must not be confused with the financial collapse. It is probably this confusion of thought which induces the delusive hope of the same from the mercantile marine, who are used to examining ships' papers and documents. A copy of the ship's manifest is wired to London. Some ships have between 200 and 600 different descriptions of goods on board, and these telegrams run to many thousands of words.

"The telegraphed manifest goes at once pefore the contraband committee, which enemy to hold out beyond the autumn, and as this sort of talk tends to encourage us to relax our efforts it should not rest unchallenged.

When the war ends and Germany is forced to pay gold for vital overseas

ofts every day and all day, presided over by E. M. Pollock, King's Counsel and member of Parliament for Warwick. The committee consider each item, and if the have any reasonable suspicion that any items are destined for the enemy the ship will be detained and ordered to un-load the suspected items at a suitable port. If she has nothing suspicious the ship can proceed at once; and I may say that the contrahand committee works so that the contraband committee works so expeditiously that its decision on the ship or goods is nearly always given the same day that the manifest is put before it.

"When the manifest is telegraphed to the ontraband committee it is also telegraphed to the War Trade Intelligence Department, which has been created for the purpose of supplying information on which the contraband committee can decide whether certain goods should be allowed to go forward or not.

"I have already told you that the decise of the British Government is to corry out this blockade with as little decise or inconvenience to neutrals as is possible; and I will now give you some of the arrangements made to insure that:

"Agreements have been made with representative associations of merchants in assural countries under which they undershie that goods consigned to them will not be exported to Germany, nor be used in the manufacture of goods which are for export to Germany.

"The first of these was the Nethermands Oversee Trust, which was so successful that similar associations were

seful that similar associations were semed in other countries:

"In Denmark, the Danish Merchants wild.

"In Switserland, the Societe de Sursiliance Suisse.

"Goods can now be exported from this suntry practically under license only, and such licenses are usually granted if the goods are consigned to these associations.

In Switserland, the Societe de Sursiliance Suisse.

"Germany to carry on war for many months is not diminished.

Of the 2,000 millions borrowed by Germany 1,650 millions are only redeemable when Germany chooses. Therefore, beyond the interest payable on the debt, Germany is involved in no immediate "Agreements have been made with many shipping lines under which their ships are allowed to go forward even if they have contraband on board or are Just under 169 millions of tree

coarrying goods which our authorities report are for the enemy, on their unreaking to return such goods to this untry for the prize court or to retain cause Germs on in a neutral country until after the the autumn.

war broke out certain neutral countries have been importing a vastly increased amount of certain goods beyond their bre-war and normal requirements, and they were formerly importing quantities of these goods from any and Austria there is an over-ning presumption that they were

any, and there is no doubt that this was done on a large scale.

To avoid this the system of rationing has been adopted under which the import of a given article into a neutral country is limited to the amount of its true domestic requirements, it is a very fair system, allowing as it does any soutral to carry on its own legitimate

### ade and to supply its own wants.

Trade Department for a license to expect certain articles to neutral countries it may be refused, not because
there is any doubt in regard to your
consignee, but for the reason that the
country has already been supplied with
the retioned amount of such goods.
"I would point out to you that the net
result of all these arrangements, instihated by the British Government so that Tou will note thus that it may hap-

## GERMAN FINANCES NOT YET IN DANGER

Lord Northeliffe Responsible for Publication of Discussion of Question.

PROTECTED TIGHT HAND ON ALL GOLD

Only Smashing Defeats Expected to Test Confidence in Teuton Money Power.

Epecial Correspondence to TRE SUN.

LONDON, July 10.—Will Germany's finances collapse in the autumn?

Lord Northcliffe, who is responsible for the publication of the following article, writes: "I have reasons for attaching great importance to this article which has reached me, and I shall be glad to see it published."

Lord Northcliffe is in a position to obtain first hand reliable information from Germany and it is certain that the facts here set out are substantially accurate: dence to TRE SEN.

may come soon, and we have it in our power to hasten the day by a more stringent application of our commercial blockade—that is to say, by refusing the use of London as the financial centre of the world to international financials of the house of the world to international financials of the house of the benefit of

when the war ends and Germany is forced to pay gold for vital oversea commodities it will bring a tremendou strain on her resources, but we must no mistake the after the war situation for the situation to-day, when Germany as self-contained organization is able texist so long as the German people have confidence in the stability of the State. confidence in the stability of the State.

### Huge Burden of Debt.

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Intelligence Department.

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The question is one capable of consideration, which has been created for the war to be contraband committee it is also telegraphed to the war Trade Intelligence ment.

bonds have been issued, and are repay-able at various dates ranging from 1918 at the earliest to 1928 at the latest. There is nothing in these borrowings to cause Germany to look with concern to

Then in a neutral country until after the war.

"Bunker coal from any port in the British empire is refused to neutral ships states they comply with certain conditions which insure that the goods they comply with certain conditions which insure that the goods they comply with certain conditions which insure that the goods they condition to which insure the season.

Then there is the Skinner scheme.

The S

We must remember that the notes of We must remember that the notes of the Reichsbank are not now payable in gold, which is a great protection against collapse, and we must not confuse the rise in prices which is brought about by flooding the country with paper money with the possibility of imminent financial collapse. Germany can go on increasing the issue of Reichsbank or other notes as long as the German people certificate. as long as the German people continue to be satisfied with the cover. But if there were any serious drain on



## WHAT THE BIG GUNS DID TO A TOWN ON THE SOMME FRONT

fire of modern artillery leaves little in ployed by the Germans. Only with the side only but of both the German and the allied artfllery, in some cases simul-

buildings in a small French town which have been under repeated fire. have been utterly destroyed along the

It is only recently that the Allies

sent higher?

Germany holds a tight hand on her gold for three reasons:

1. To give greater confidence as to the ultimate redemption of her notes

2. To buy vital commodities from
neutral countries cheaper than she
could at the present exchange rates.

3. To purchase commodities after

on the exchange rates. It is asserted that the German banks were forced to take up the war loan. If that were so, one would expect to find them saddled with this scrip now, but if the last returns of the Berlin joint stock banks are compared with the returns of 1913 it will be found that their investments have increased only 3 milligers and their advances on current

LONDON, July 10 .- The concentrated | equal to the masses of those guns em- | through endless tunnels, in which they opening of the present offensive on the somme has the British artillery been ent of the Dally Chronicle at the British front, writing of the fire of the the opening of the present allied of-

> "I do not know how many batteries we have along this battle line or upon the section of the line which I could see, numbers of every calibre, and the con- The tall tower of Albert Cathedral ap- cause it was England's day.

"For a time I could see nothing clouds which mingled with the mist, and stood like a blind man, only istening. It was a wonderful thing which came to my ears. Shells were the trains in the world had leaped their have had masses of heavy artillery rails and were driving at express speed

met each other with frightful col- German lines by Thiepval and La Boislisions.

able to hurl the volume of fire which teries not far from where I stood sives were tossing up great vemits of present day trench fighting demands ripped the sky with a high, tearing black smoke and earth all along the note. Other shells whistled with that Philip Gibbs, the correspond- strange, gobbling, sibilant cry which these places and leaving curly white makes one's bowels turn cold. Through the mist and the smoke there came new British guns which accompanied sharp, loud, insistent knocks as sepaclangorous strokes, as of iron doors, banged suddenly, and the tattoo of the light field guns playing the drums of

peared suddenly through the veil, and the sun shone full for a few seconds on gun fired a round. It spoke with a the Golden Virgin and the Babe, which voice I knew, the deep, gruff voice of through the low lying mist and heavy she held head downward above all this old 'Grandmother,' one of our tumult as a peace offering to men. The inch guns, which carries a shell large white, and the two tall chimneys to the enormous burst. I could follow the left stood black and sharp against the rushing through the air as though all pale blue of the sky, into which dirty rush through space. Seconds later

selle and further by Mametz and ridges.

could see our shells falling upon the

"Below there was the flash of many stabs of flame. The enemy were being blasted by a hurricane of fire. I found who were there and yet was filled by a strange and awful exultation because

moke drifted above the whiter clouds. there was the distant thud of its ex-

"SONS OF JUDAH" IN ITALIANS HAUL GUNS END OF SANDWICH FIGHT AGAINST TURK TO SNOWCLAD PEAKS A NOTED ECCENTRIC

### Organizer of Zionist Mule Difficulties of War Prepara- Late Peer Believed He Pos-Corps Describes Their Work in Gallipoli Campaign.

LONDON, July 10 .- The work and ad-

Sheet Twym Credits.

At the new was loan is floated German and their advances on the same of the process of the new loan, in the process of the new loan, if the precess of the new loan, if the new loan, if the precess of t defeat would not effect the status defeat war bonds or make them any the sooner redeemable, and it is much too optimistic to believe that the next war loan will be a failure, however the war map may be altered. The subsequent war loan may be a different matter.

I am strongly of opinion that Germany's weakness will reveal itself on the economic rather than the financial in the economic rather than the financial alignment of the status of the strong of the French army at Gality was near.

A were tightened so that was near.

side.

If the blockade were tightened so that trade between neutrals and Germany and trade between neutrals and other neutrals which has for its object final trade with Germany were stopped the effect would be to lessen the food resources of Germany. The imports into neutral countries from America, ultimately intended for Germany, which have undoubtedly been decreasing, would still further decrease, and the exports from neutral countries to Germany would also shrink. The effect of any perceptible increase in the stringency of the food

## tions in Mountain Regions Vividly Pictured.

tasks were described to me. They would seem incredible if one had not ocular demonstration of the actual presence of the cannon among these inaccessible

There are some of them on the ice edges of the Ortler nearly above sea level, in places which it is by way of an achievement for the amateur climber to reach with guides and ropes and porters and nothing to take care of but his own skin. But here the Al-pini and Frontier Guides had to bring up the heavy pieces, hauling them over be sationed amount of such goods.

The would point out to you that the net specified with the cover, the net position of the blocked of Germany will interfere the blocked of Germany will interfere as little as possible with neutral, are so framed far any specified in the service of the blocked of Germany will interfere the blocked of Germany will interfere the blocked of Germany will interfere the little by the British Government are of the blocked of Germany will interfere the little by the British Government is a specified with neutral countries to Germany would also where it was kept in the new house as a stimular to the stringency of the foods where it was kept in the new house and porters and nothing to take care of but his own skin. But here the All or the blocked of Germany would also would undoutedly been decreasing, would still further decrease, and the service in triumph to the camp will interfere the stringency of the foods which the countries will only comply with the requirements I have outlined to you be runne practically no risk of his goods being half up the labelity on July 23, 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 1914, 1914, 253. 1914, 191

for the soldier must not only be fed, before her marriage, Lady Evelyn Mary to keep the blood circulating in his body in the cold air and chilling breezes of downs. She is a great social favorite another over bits of indescribable things the snowclad peaks. Kerosene stoves in great numbers have been sent aloft esses. Both she and the Duke have many friends in Canada, where they have the life of the mountaineer sol
in make the life of the mountaineer sol
in and the ground was laid to the many friends over one shell crater to mother over bits of indescribable things and the litter of men's tunics and the litter of men's tunics and pouches and haversacks and dugouts. In there are many days of disappoint men's tunic and the ground was men's and women are apt to take it

## sessed Psychic Healing Power of Value.

London, July 10.—A description of the long and their advances on current account about 20 millions. If, therefore, they took up the loans, they have been of the loans of the loans.

After the South African war he had serre, where it was said many Germans some sixty wounded officers brought to his home, where he served in the capacity of both nurse and physician, and announced that he was gratified at the success he obtained. His patients ranged from dwellers in palaces to those in the lowliest walks of life and included a Hindu monk, who was treated in his monastery; a Mohammedan, who was the British ranks. The Germans hid treated in the mosque he served, and a underground while the boys swept along the the was followed by the british ranks. The Germans hid underground while the boys swept along a very heavy downpour also.

Hindu princess, who was brought 600 over, and when the supports came up with restricted to the followed by the pulsary to the supports came up with restricted to the followed by the pulsary to the followed by the fol Hindu princess, who was brought 600 over, and when the supports came up miles by her husband to Lord Sandwich. He announced the possession of heal-bombs.

According to one meteorologist the first three supports the support of the s lege of London two years ago. At that time he said he had never failed in his treatment of sufferers. He said he could not explain his power, but knew the results and expressed the belief that many persons possess the same sift without took no refrece the same sift without took no refrece the same sift without took no refrece the same and the same sift without took no refrece the same and took no refrece the same sift without the same sift with the same sift without the same site with the same sift without the same simple same side with the same same side with the same same same side

can woman, formerly Miss Alberta Stur-ges, daughter of the late William Stur-ges, becomes Countess of Sandwich. Her husband, the new Earl, is George holder of the title.

### KING PLANS VISIT TO CANADA. Expects to Make Trip With Queen

## FIRST EYEWITNESS STORIES OF BATTLE

Wounded British Soldiers Reach London and Tell of Big Offensive.

### Shell Craters Used as Refuge for Machine Gunners to Stop Advance.

London, July 10.—The first hospital train with the big red cross on/its carriages containing the wounded from the great battle steamed into London about § o'clock on Sunday night: A British sergeant only slightly wounded, describes the opening fight:

"It was a lovely summer morning when we went forward, with a bit of a mist. We found no trouble in the German trenches. Fact is, there were no trenches. They were just a mash of everything. But we soon found where the Germans had got to. Here and there, wherever it suited them, a few had got into our chell craters. Going across what looked like a field with nothing in it except big holes, a machine gun would begin on us. That's how our fellows got on.

"Running over the broken earth, and then working round some pit, when the rat-tat-tat showed some of the enemy in it. But our lads were on to it whenever Fritzs showed himself. The way the gunning was kept up was a marvel. The Germans did their best to reply, but they couldn't manage it."

Story of a Wounded Scot.

"The Germans were lying heaped up in all directions and those who were alive showed no fight, but appeared to

the Sommet Ancre.

At Fricourt an officer said the men were eager and cheery and they dashed at the enemy with rousing cries. Though the German machine gun fire made many gaps in the ranks, fatal wounds were not numerous. Germans without equipment rushed out of the dugouts in dozens only to meet instant death.

"One soldier reached his colonel's quantier in the widst of a "few de ker."

In this region the prisoners taken complained that they had been badly fed. They had been expecting the attack and their big guns had been withdrawn to the ear in anticipation of the capture of the was marked urgent." first line trenches.

An officer who was wounded in the

lower part of the spine in the Darda-nelles recovered after a brilliant opera-Special Correspondence to Tur Sun.

London, July 10.—The death of the London, July 10.—The death of the Earl of Sandwich has removed an in-

"I am awfully bucked to hear Serre has been captured after staring at the blessed wood for four months from the trenches," said another officer.

persons possess the same gift without being aware of it.

The Earl was fourth in descent from the peer, who, by ordering a watter to

Territorials Winning Praise.

assed along.
A soldier in a Scottish regiment says don.

"Americans have not pretty, soft voice?"
"Americans have not pretty, soft voice?" passed along. A soldier in a Scottish regiment says that when they got the signal to charge they kept on the run and soon got through the first line of German trenches where it was seen our artillery had worked havoc among the Germans.

"We noticed that some took to their heels and ran, while others surrendered immediately. In a very short time the second line was reached, and here some desperate hand to hand fighting took place.

"It is often remarked that American women are given to talking loudly in restaurants and other places. As a matter of fact, they do not talk any louder than place.

place.
"Still going on irresistibly they passed the third line of trenches and then penetrated into the fourth line, where a very flerce fight took place for over three hours, in which the enemy suffered teribly."

of fact, they do not talk any louder the their English sisters, but their voice have a carrying quality which is some times rather trying. However, it makes the trying a pleasure for Americans, whereas for Britons the 'phone always more or less an instrument torture."

### Statement by Philip Gibbs.

Philip Gibbs writes:

"There was a German to-day at La Boisselle, one of those machine gunners who kept up a fire upon our troops when we first made an assault upon this position. And to-day he was there still in his emplacement doing year, deally here a support of the suppor in his emplacement doing very deadly husbands' rounds, according to a state work, and though he was wounded in nine places when we found him he was Kingdom Commercial Travellers. Assetting the complete state of the United States of the Unit still working his terrible little gun.

"Our men took him prisoner, and, in the English way, bore no grudge sagainst him, but saug his praises.

Many other machine guns were captured, and round one of them all the team was laid out dead by one of our standard. They come in as regularly as

strewn with hand grenades, and here heart."

and there was a great unexploded shell, which had nosed into the soil. There were many German dead lying there in Fricourt, and some of our own poor men. The Germans were lying thick is one part of the trenches.

### Investigating a Dugont.

"One dugout was littered with German books and papers. I picked up one of them, and saw that it was 'Advice on Sport.' Here was sad sport for Germans. There was a tragic spirit in that little room, and we went out quickly. I peered into other German dugouts, and saw how spiendidly built they were, so does and so strongly timbered that not ever out be abardment had utterly at

GERMANS FIGHT TO LAST stroyed them. They are great work ers, these Germans, and wonderful so

diers."

Describing 150 men captured at Fricourt, Mr. Gibbs says:

"I saw them all to-day and spoke with some of them. They belonged to the 109th, 110th and 111th Regiments of the Fourteenth Reserve Corps, and were mostly from Baden. It would be absurd to talk of these fellows as being understized or underfed men.

undersized or underfed men.

trenches and the lines behind A thrilling story was related by a wounded Scot. "Eh, mon, it was hell, but it was grand," he declared. "We've got a move on at last and paying the Huns out. Talk about the German guns in the early days of the war; they are not in it now. The ground was churned up for miles and the front of the German trenches are blocked at such a moment, and the couriers must do their work on the surface without cover. They creep from hole to hole, from thicket to thicket, springing to their leet and running as hard as they can as soon as the bombardment slackens for a second. bombardment slackens for a se

ally eshowed no fight, but appeared to have gone 'clean potty.' Further on we so into the supports, which had received a terrific smashing, and it was there we had the scrap. At the last moment it seemed the Germans had rushed a crowd of chaps in, and they had hidden themselves in shell holes and were taking pot shots at us. We rushed them with the bayonet and bombs, and some of them put up a good fight. I got one fellow in front of me, and felt myself a 'gener' for I tumbled over some wire, when one of our chaps got his bayonet into him. The next second a German 'outed' my chum. 'Never fear, Jock,' he said, 'you did the same trick for me once.' That chap's left a wife and six bairns away up North," added the Scot.

As the wounded from the front continue to arrive their vivid stories give and save are in the chest. The other was an one of the property of the chest. The other was a like the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At Verdun the couriers have, perhaps, surpassed all their records of brav. "At the tiny garrison of Vaux Fort, commanded by Major Raynal, which commanded by Major "At Verdun the couriers have, per

As the wounded from the front con-inue to arrive their vivid stories give a and square in the chest. The other nore intimate idea of the great battle of the Sommet Ancre.

### BLAME RAINFALL TO WAR.

Downpours Have Followed Heavy Bombardments.

LONDON, July 10 .- One of the ph nomena which may or may not be con-nected with the war, but which is never theless causing considerable discussion in England is the abnormal rainfall. It has been noted on many occasions during the present war not only in Great Britain but in other European countries, that although the baromete blessed wood for four months from the trenches." said another officer.

There was particularly hot fighting at Serre, where it was said many Germans had come to rest.

"Many nervy things happen to one in battle," said an officer who had been blown up three times and saw his watch-Petrograd despatches received here re-cently stated that during the heavy ar-tillery fire along the eastern front rain-

Lacked by British. LONDON, July 10 .- An American pl sician visiting in London h The Territorials, fighting in their own divisions, are winning high praise. "Stick British voice. To this defect in it like the regulars" is the word that is British vocal chords he ascribes

Doctor Points at Vocal Qualities

### torture. WOMEN AS "DRUMMERS."

team was laid out dead by one of our shells.
"I stumbled over one shell crater to another over bits of indescribable things." I do not think that, as a rule, women